

(t) Electric Arc Furnaces in  
Steel Foundary .... 3.00

(b) The following plants have been completely shut down affecting production of Pig Iron, Ferro Silicon and Special and Alloy Steels.

Units	Shut down date		Restarted
	From	To	
1. 9,000 K.V.A. Ferro Silicon Furnace	24-6-1974	31-1-1975	1-2-1975
2. 12,000 K.V.A. -do-	23-11-1973	Till date	—
3. 1,500 K.V.A. Ferro Alloy Furnace.	2-10-1974	Till date	—
4. 13,200 K.V.A. Old Elec. Pig Iron Furnace.	12-9-1973	Till date	—
5. One 20 Ton Elec. Arc Furnace of 6,000 K.V.A.	2-10-1974	Till date	—

In addition, one old Elec. Pig Iron Furnace and two New Elec. Pig Iron Furnaces are being worked on partial load till date limiting the load to the amount of power made available.

#### CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

*re : taking up scarcity works in Afzalpur and Aland Taluks.*

SRI D. B. KALMANKAR (Aland) :—I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the urgent need for taking up scarcity relief works in Afzalpur and Aland Taluk of Gulbarga District.

SRI B. SUBBIAH SHETTY (Minister of State for Land Reforms) on behalf of Hon'ble Minister for Revenue, I beg to state as :

(Sri D. B. Kalmankar)

During the year 1974, the taluks of Alland and Afzalpur have received 1122 and 490 MMS of rainfall as against the normal rainfall 853 and 695 MMS respectively.

The position of khariff crops in the entire district of Gulbarga was precarious till the middle of September, 1974. But with the onset of rains during the latter half of September and October, the crops revived to a considerable extent. It appears it was proposed during the visit of the Finance Minister in the month of September 1974 to start budgetted works under Soil Conservation and Public Works Departments. But due to considerable improvement in the situation no works were started.

In Alland Taluk the rainfall was very heavy during the season and as a result sowing was delayed in major area. Nearly 60% of the area came under delayed sowings. Jowar is the main Rabi crop covering an area of nearly 90 000 acres, followed by wheat, safflower, linseed and bengalgram. Among these crops only rabi Jowar is affected, due to the late sowings. Some border villages of Narona and Niberga circles only are affected. However the earlier sown Jowar, wheat, Linseed and Safflower crops are fairly satisfactory in all parts of the taluk.

In Afzalpur Taluk the condition of Rabi crops of safflower, wheat and linseed is satisfactory. The Rabi jowar in low level areas of black cotton soil is good and in the remaining area it is below normal. The rabi crops however have been affected in 24 villages, due to recent rains and hail storms. The harvesting of jowar, linseed and wheat has now started.

1000 quintals of milo is being supplied every month to each of the two taluks. The foodgrains are being supplied through Fair Price Shops. A few border villages are reported to be consuming bread made of both jowar

and Malmandi flour. But as the harvest of Rabi Jowar has started it would be available in greater quantities in the market and its price also may come down consequently.

In Alland Taluk seven minor irrigation works are under progress. Amarja Project work has also been taken up after the visit of the Finance Minister. The Taluk is a predominantly Rabi area. The labourers are getting more employment as the harvesting season has started.

The recovery drive was started in January 1975. The recovery is being made only from well to do cultivators and those who are in a position to pay. The recovery has been completely stopped in those villages which were badly hit by recent hail storm and heavy winds and rains.

The demand registers of levy of Rabi Jowar in these taluks are being prepared. The procurement of Jowar will be done on the basis of the Annewari after conducting crop cutting experiments.

SRI D. B. KALMANKAR.—The conditions in other villages are very bad. Because of late sowing, heavy rain and rat menace the crops are not normal. In view of that and in view of the fact that 22 villages are hard hit due to recent rains and hail storm and the consequent poor jowar, will the Government direct the revenue officers to make a survey of every field and see that levy is taken according to the quantum of harvest?

SRI B. SUBBAIAH SHETTY.—If it is brought by individual farmers regarding the failure of crops, the question regarding levy of jowar, even reduction of that, can be considered.

SRI D. B. KALMANKAR.—It has been stated that the Finance Minister had visited in the month of September 1974 and at that time conditions were bad. Afterwards it was found that the conditions have improved which is not a fact and this fact has been brought to the notice of the Government. In view of that and in view of the fact that for the last three years continuously Afzalpur Taluk has been in the grip of famine will the Government start the budgeted works at the earliest?

SRI B. SUBBAIAH SHETTY.—If the situation is such as the hon. Member has described it and if the situation warrants, Government would consider taking up those works.

### PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

(i) *Re : grievances of the doctors Serving in T. D. B, Bellary District.*

SRI H. LINGA REDDY (Kurugodu).—I present a petition signed by Dr B.M. Shantayya and others regarding grievances of the doctors serving in Taluk Development Board, Bellary District.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The petition is presented

(ii) *re : hardships caused to Sugarcane growers in Khanapur taluk.*

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—Madam, I present a petition signed by Sri V. Y. Chavan and others regarding hardship caused to the sugarcane growers in Khanapur Taluk.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The petition is presented

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Madam, I have given notice of a privilege motion under rule 177.